

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-4 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An injection mold comprising a sliding member having a partial cavity surface which forms part of a cavity surface, and an adjacent member having a partial cavity surface which forms part of the cavity surface, a sliding surface of said sliding member being slidably guided by a sliding surface of said adjacent member and linearly movable by a relative sliding distance, where a corner between the partial cavity surface and the sliding surface of said adjacent member contacts with the sliding surface of said sliding member,

wherein a portion from the partial cavity surface to the sliding surface of at least one of said sliding member and adjacent member is continuously coated with a heat insulating coat, and a range over which the sliding surface is coated with said heat insulating coat is so set as to exceed an end of the relative sliding distance ~~where an edge of the partial cavity surface of said adjacent member contacts with the sliding surface of said sliding member.~~

2. (Currently Amended) An injection mold comprising a sliding member having a partial cavity surface which forms part of a cavity surface, and an adjacent member having a partial cavity surface which forms part of the cavity surface, a sliding surface of said sliding member being slidably guided by a sliding surface of said adjacent member and linearly movable by a relative sliding distance, where a corner between the partial cavity surface and the sliding surface of said adjacent member contacts with the sliding surface of said sliding member,

wherein a portion from the partial cavity surface to the sliding surface of at least one of said sliding member and adjacent member is continuously coated with a heat insulating coat, a range over which the sliding surface is coated with said heat insulating coat is so set as to exceed an end of the relative sliding distance ~~where an edge of the partial cavity surface of said adjacent member contacts with the sliding surface of said sliding member~~, and an entire region from said heat insulating coat to the sliding surface is continuously coated with a protective coat.

3. (Currently Amended) An injection mold comprising a sliding member having a partial cavity surface which forms part of a cavity surface, and an adjacent member having a partial cavity surface which forms part of the cavity surface, a sliding surface of said sliding member being slidably guided by a sliding surface of said adjacent member and linearly movable by a relative sliding distance, where a corner between the partial cavity surface and the sliding surface of said adjacent member contacts with the sliding surface of said sliding member,

wherein a portion from the partial cavity surface to the sliding surface of at least one of said sliding member and adjacent member is continuously coated with a heat insulating coat, and an entire region from said heat insulating coat to the sliding surface is continuously coated with a protective coat.

4. (Currently Amended) An injection mold comprising a sliding member having a partial cavity surface which forms part of a cavity surface, and an adjacent member

having a partial cavity surface which forms part of the cavity surface, a sliding surface of said sliding member being slidably guided by a sliding surface of said adjacent member and linearly movable by a relative sliding distance, where a corner between the partial cavity surface and the sliding surface of said adjacent member contacts with the sliding surface of said sliding member,

wherein at least a portion of the partial cavity surface of at least one of said sliding member and adjacent member is continuously coated with a heat insulating coat, and an entire region from said heat insulating coat to the sliding surface is continuously coated with a protective coat.

Claims 5-9. (Cancelled).

10. (Original) The mold according to claim 3, wherein said protective coat is made of a metal or ceramics.

11. (Original) The mold according to claim 4, wherein said protective coat is made of a metal or ceramics.